Historic Carter House Society Inc.

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes December 6, 2015 – Immediately Following Christmas Open House

Vickie Robinson, Chairman, called to order the meeting of Historic Carter House Society Inc (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 4:40 PM. Members in attendance were: Vickie Robinson, Linda Simoneaux, Beverly Burgess, Shelly Simmons, Linda Mundinger, Dianne Dauterive, Susan Calamia

Vickie welcomed everyone to the Annual Membership Meeting and introduced the present officers.

The Financial Report was given by Linda Simoneaux and as of November 30, 2015 our bank balance was \$12,275.44. Once the outstanding checks have cleared for work done and in progress by Ryder & Ryder, C. Dan Wrinkles Plumbing and Nashelly Cuervos and the check from LCVB is deposited, the bank balance will be \$7,049.22. Linda also recapped the fund raisers for this year. Civil War Reenactment, Bunko, Wine Social at CP, Belk's Charity Ticket Sale, and the Christmas Open House brought in \$1,558.00.

Vickie Robinson reported on the Restoration Project that Ryder & Ryder is working on at this time. They are cleaning, repairing, and painting the remaining section of the outside of the house (the left side that is mostly brick). They are also working on repairing roof leaks and the hole in the corner of the kitchen ceiling, and the area where the roof had been leaking.

The Annual Membership Drive will begin with Vickie Robinson sending emails to current members asking them to renew, members we had in the past, as well as all other residents/property owners. Vickie encouraged all the members in attendance to talk to their neighbors about joining and asking them to tour the Carter House if they have never seen it or been on a tour.

The following Fundraisers for 2016 were discussed by the group:

<u>Flea Market</u> – There was a discussion on having the Flea Market at the Carter House. It would save us from having to rent space and transporting items to the Flea Market location, but would cost us more to advertise. Beverly suggested Will Ricks be contacted for purchase of items, so a flea market would not be necessary. It was suggested items not sold be donated to St. Vincent de Paul or Habitat for Humanity ReStore, since they will pick up items. This event will be held in the spring and location for sale will be determined at the next meeting.

<u>CPCA Golf Tournament</u> – Vickie will not be volunteering to work future Golf Tournaments, so it's up to the membership if they would like to help. Linda Mundinger volunteered to work with the Golf Tournament Committee should they decide to hold the tournament in 2016.

<u>Belk's Charity Sale, Style Show & Luncheon</u>– Vickie discussed the success of the Belk's fundraiser, which raised \$430. Belk's has two Charity Sales a year. They will notify Vickie when the Spring Sale date is set. Belk's also will provide clothing for a Style Show. We will need to

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provide the models. Vickie will talk to Andrea or Denise about using Carter Plantation facilities for the event. It was also brought up that we could possible combine the Silent Auction with this event.

<u>Silent Auction</u> – This was our first and most successful fundraiser and it was discussed to have another one sometime this year.

<u>Music on the Lawn or Christmas Music at next year's Christmas Open House</u> – Vickie discussed talking with Sharon Smode about providing music for an event on the lawn of the Carter House and Linda suggested maybe some type of Christmas Concert next year.

<u>Bunko</u> – It was brought up that additional Bunko's could be done this year since it doesn't require a lot of upfront work.

Restoration work for 2016

Vickie handed out a spreadsheet with the restoration work required on the exterior and interior of the Carter House, exterior work on the Guest Quarters and Other items that needs to be repaired. The list shows work that has already been completed and pending priority items. The rest of the work still needs to be prioritized and completed as monies become available.

Election of Officers – No additional people volunteered to work on the board. A brief discussion was held on people who might be contacted to see if they would be interested. All existing board members were nominated by Susan Calamia to remain in their positions for another year. This was seconded by Linda Mundinger.

Susan Calamia pulled the door prize ticket for the Christmas Open House. Door Prize was won by Ruby Hill.

No date was set for the next meeting.

Vickie adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

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